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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: U.S. YOUNG LAWYERS REQUEST FOR NAMES OF POSSIBLE
INVITEES

REF: STATE 121766

1. EMBASSY IS FURNISHING BELOW A LIST OF YOUNG LAWYERS WHO
"WOULD REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRIES CAPABLY" AND ENGAGE IN A
"FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS" AT YLD/ABA ANNUAL MEETING IN
AUGUST. WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT, UNLIKE OTHER ADDRESSEE
POSTS, MANY OF EMBASSY'S LEGAL CONTACTS ARE IN OPPOSITION
TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND/OR ITS POLICIES AND
WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO SERVE AS ITS SPOKESMAN (THE GOVERN-
MENT HAS ALREADY BANNED SOME OPPOSITIONIST LAWYERS FROM
TRAVELLING ABROAD BY REMOVING THEIR PASSPORTS). SINCE WE
ARE NOT SURE WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IS DESIRED, WE ARE LISTING
TWO BLACKS, TWO ("LIBERAL") ENGLISH-SPEAKING WHITES
AND TWO (RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE) AFRIKAANS-SPEAKING
WHITES AS CANDIDATES.

2. MR. T.L. SKWEYIYA: (BLACK) SOUTH AFRICAN ADVOCATE
INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN POLITICAL AND TERRORISM TRIALS IN
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RECENT YEARS. AMONG HIS LATEST MAJOR CASES WAS THE SUC-
CESSFUL DEFENSE OF 20 UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND STUDENTS
ACQUITTED IN JULY 1977 OF CHARGES OF ARSON AND SABOTAGE
DURING THE POST-SOWETO RIOTS. HE IS CURRENTLY DEFENDING
18 PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS DEFENDANTS IN BETHAL (TRANSVAAL).
SKWEYIYA WAS AN FY-74 IV GRANTEE, IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE
MOST ARTICULATE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE BLACK ADVOCATE IN THE

PROVINCE OF NATAL. HE IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THE CURRENT
AND FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS. ADDRESS: 80
FENTEN HOUSE, FENTON ROAD, DURBAN.

3. MR. JUSTICE POSWA: (BLACK) SOUTH AFRICAN ADVOCATE,
SPECIALIST IN CRIMINAL CASES BUT TAKES ON OCCASIONAL
POLITICAL DEFENSE AS WELL. LLB FROM UNIVERSITY OF NATAL.
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY BOTH BLACK AND WHITE EMBASSY LEGAL
CONTACTS. ADDRESS: 511 FENTEN HOUSE, FENTON ROAD,
DURBAN 4001.

4. MR. KEITH LISTER: (WHITE) ATTORNEY WORKING IN
COMMERCIAL JOHANNESBURG FIRM AND DOING "PRO BONO" WORK
INCLUDING DEFENSE OF BLACK JOURNALIST CHARGED UNDER THE
TERRORISM ACT. RELATIVELY YOUNGER (MID-LATE 20'S) THAN
OTHER LAWYERS IN HIS FIELD. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY
EMBASSY CONTACTS. ADDRESS: C/O BELL, DEWAR AND HALL,
P.O. BOX 61680, MARSHALLTOWN, 2000.

5. MR. GEOFFREY MICHAEL BUDLENDER: LAW CLERK IN OFFICE
OF PROMINENT JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEY AND PART OF DEFENSE
TEAM IN RECENT MAJOR AFRICAN NATIONALIST CONGRESS TER-
RORISM ACT TRIAL IN PRETORIA. FORMER PRESIDENT OF
STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT UNIVERSITY OF CAPE
TOWN, AND FORMER INTERIM CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS. IV GRANTEE IN 1977. WELL
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KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND IS ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES
IN SOUTH AFRICA. ADDRESS: BOX 7571, JOHANNESBURG 2000,
SOUTH AFRICA.

6. MR. INGNUS RAUTENBACH, DEAN OF LAW FACULTY AT RAND
AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY (RAU) IN JOHANNESBURG. ALTHOUGH
RAUTENBACH IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY, LEGAL
CONTACTS LISTED HIM AS A RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE MAN
WHO WOULD BE MORE PRONE TO DEFEND THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL
SYSTEM. RAU IS A RELATIVELY NEW AND ESTABLISHMENT-
ORIENTED UNIVERSITY FOR AFRIKAANS-SPEAKING STUDENTS.
ADDRESS: C/O RAND AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY, BOX 524,
JOHANNESBURG 2000.

7. PROFESSOR KOBUS VAN ROOYEN, PROFESSOR OF LAW
AT UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, MEMBER OF PUBLICATION
APPEALS BOARD. NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT
RECOMMENDED BY LEGAL CONTACT. RELATIVELY LIBERAL, ES-
PECIALLY FOR MEMBER OF CONSERVATIVE FACULTY. ADDRESS:
C/O: UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, BROOKLYN, PRETORIA.

8. IN VIEW OF THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF THE

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES, WE WOULD RECOMMEND
A TOPIC ON CIVIL RIGHTS, CITIZENSHIP OR FREEDOM OF THE
PRESS.
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